

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“___”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“—”) being deleted:

1. (Currently amended) A method for sending a print job to a preselected recipient comprising:

~~encoding~~ encrypting a data stream received in a first peripheral device, the first peripheral device being configured to:

store the data stream as encrypted data; and

in response to a first user input, access the encrypted data for printing a first hardcopy document using the encrypted data; and

transmitting said ~~encoded~~ encrypted data stream from said first peripheral device to a second peripheral device, the second peripheral device being configured to:

store the encrypted data; and

access the encrypted data for printing a second hardcopy document using the encrypted data.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said data stream comprises text and graphics.

3. – 4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~said encoding~~ encrypting a data stream comprises encrypting said data stream using the pretty good privacy (PGP) technique.

6. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ transmitting comprises ~~placing said encoded data stream into a sender module, wherein said sender module converts~~ said encoded converting said data stream into a PDF or TIFF file and ~~transmits~~ transmitting said PDF or TIFF file to said preselected recipient.

7. – 8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) The method of Claim ~~[[8]]~~ 1, wherein said second peripheral device is configured to receive electronic mail messages; ~~sender module is configured for converting said encrypted print job into a format useable by said sender module and~~
said method further comprises attaching, by the first peripheral device, said encrypted data print job to an electronic mail message for delivery to said recipient via the second peripheral device.

10. - 12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) The method of Claim ~~[[11]]~~ 1, wherein said first peripheral device comprises a manual input device for receiving instructions related to operation of said first peripheral device, said method further comprising receiving an instruction to encrypt said data stream print job, said instruction being input at said manual input device.

14. (Currently amended) A printing system comprising:

a first peripheral device comprising:

a processor for receiving a data stream through a network;

an encryption module for converting said data stream from plain text to cipher text;

memory for storing the cipher text until access to said cipher text by a user is authorized;

a printing mechanism for printing a hardcopy document corresponding to the cipher text; and

a sender module for transmitting said cipher text through said network to a preselected recipient as an attachment to an email message; and

~~a second peripheral device operative to communicatively couple to the network and receive the cipher text from the first peripheral device.~~

15. (Original) The system of Claim 14, wherein said data stream comprises text and graphics.

16. – 17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 14, wherein said encryption module comprises the pretty good privacy (PGP) encrypting technique.

19. (Original) The system of Claim 14, wherein said sender module converts said cipher text into a PDF or TIFF file and transmits said PDF or TIFF file to said preselected recipient.

20. (Canceled)

21. (New) The system of Claim 14, further comprising:

a manual input device operative to receive an input from a user such that, if a user provides an input to the manual input device indicating that the user is an authorized user, the cipher text stored in the memory can be accessed.